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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

**SUBJECT: Movement of the Satellite Control Center from OSA
to DOD**

1. A meeting was held this afternoon between my staff and Colonel Tom Herron on the subject of moving the satellite control center from OSA to the NRO in the Pentagon, as directed by the DNRO.
2. The following agreements were reached.
 - a. Because of the scheduling of Mission 9053, it will not be feasible or practical to make the move precisely on the 1st of April as directed. Therefore, OSA will control Mission 9053 as in the past, and the move will be implemented upon completion of this mission. The present Reports Control Manual will apply as written.
 - b. Colonel Herron will send out messages to all concerned confirming the above.
 - c. In the meantime, Colonel Herron's staff, with any assistance that OSA can provide, will rewrite the Reports Control Manual for subsequent missions.
 - d. CIA communications and security assets will continue to be used on subsequent missions since no capability exists in the NRO control center.
 - e. Following the actual move, appropriate CPX's will be implemented to ensure that procedures and control are adequate after the exchange of responsibility from OSA to NRO.

NRO review(s)
completed.

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f. The OSA staff has been instructed to provide all possible support to ensure that the move is made as expeditiously as possible and that particularly no capability is lost due to the move. [Redacted] Executive Officer of OSA, has been designated as the contact officer for OSA, and Mr. [Redacted] as contact officer for the NRO control center, to ensure proper coordination and exchange of information until the new NRO control center is working smoothly.

g. Following Mission 9053, weather information will go directly from Weather Central to [Redacted]

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h. The NRO center will handle its own staff intelligence support.

3. Ramifications resulting from this move, which must be resolved in the future, are:

a. Satellite film procurement, processing, distribution, etc.

b. Computer support to NRO control center.

Yes will contact with DAD/OSA

c. Technical direction of payload packages.

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